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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 5, 2005 ("Notice"), Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Notice indicates that the amendment filed on December 9, 2004, was non-compliant because "Claims 26-55 improper identifier." Claims 26-55 stand withdrawn, and were therefore presented with the identifier "withdrawn." See 37 CFR 1.121(c). Claims 26-55 were also amended with the reply filed on December 9, 2004.

According to 37 CFR 1.121(c)(2), "claims having the status of 'currently amended' or 'withdrawn' if also being amended, shall include markings. If a withdrawn claim is currently amended, its status in the claim listing may be identified as 'withdrawn -- currently amended'" (emphasis added). The use of the identifier "withdrawn -- currently amended" is optional. Thus, claims 26-55, which stand withdrawn, and are amended with the reply filed on December 9, 2004, were properly identified, and the reply complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. No correction is required. Furthermore, the flyer "Revised Amendment Practice: 37 CFR 1.121 Changed Compliance is Mandatory - Effective Date: July 30, 2003", published by the Office ("Flyer", a copy of which is attached as appendix A), indicates that the use of "withdrawn" to identify withdrawn, amended claims, is acceptable. See the Flyer at page 2, example listing of claims, in particular example claim 8.